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The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being transmitted via the Office electronic filing system in accordance with § 1.6(a)(4), on the 8th day of December, 2010.

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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Compliance with 37 CFR § 1.704(d)

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application.

PART III: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

1. The above-identified U.S. application claims priority to application Serial No. PCT/US03/34828. If the Examiner has not had the benefit of review of the file history of PCT/US03/34828, then he/she is asked to contact the undersigned, who will provide a copy of same.

2. The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed translation of a Japanese Official Action dated October 8, 2010 from corresponding Japanese Patent Application Serial No. 2004-548623. The Office Action included a rejection in view of Japanese laid-open patent application No. 2003-230630, which is cited herein. The Office Action is submitted to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited reference. An English abstract of the cited reference is also provided.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 23/2825 under Docket No. B1075.70032US00 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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